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ALMA

Mr. Felt spoke to the Western Branch of the American Catholic Philosophical Association on Nov. 25. Subject: "Philosophical implications of Non-Euclidian geometry." Santa Clara played host for the group's annual meeting with the southern branch.

Mr. Meyer gave a talk to the western branch of the America Catholic Philosopohical Association on Dec. 19. Subject: "The Metaphysics of Person."

A week of uninterrupted rainfall reached a violent crescendo and aroused 30 Theologians from midnight sleep. Rushing water, overflowing from the mountain creeks, climbed over the Bear Creek road and threatened to wash away the gardens, and perhaps seriously damage Front Lake. Benches, stumps, sandbags and trees diverted the flow into a ravine, but not before the swirling waters had rippeds a gorge ten feet deep and thirty feet wide through Bear Creek road and Alma's entrance road. The same night, an enormous mass of rain-soaked earth slid away from the side of the hill supporting the Chapel. The hill is now bare of all trees and brush. Several back-road bridges were destroyed. There were numerous slides. The most significant was the slide of the hill below Bear Creek road (across from the classroom buildings). A dozen giant redwoods, and tons and tons of soil came crashing down and completely covered the back road. One of the redwoods dropped to within several feet of the classrooms.

In a period of five days, there was an average rainfall of over five inches per day, and one day broke Alma record with a fall of over eight inches.

BELLARMINE

The Jesuit Mothers had a Christmas party in the boys' dining room on Dec. 18.

Dec. 21-22—Frs. Corvi, Franklin, Morley and Stretch gave talks at the Catholic Educational meeting in San Francisco.

Bro. Bounds had an operation on his knee in O'Connor's Hospital.

An overflow crowd attended the annual Dramatic Festival. Besides five short plays there were on display original play manuscripts and original miniature sets. There was also a contest for the best essay on the theater. Prizes were awarded in all four divisions: acting, essay, original manuscript, and model stage construction. Fr. T. Byrne is planning an oratorical contest for the Sodality on the theme of "The Virtues of St. Ignatius Loyola."

The Carillon this year will include a long playing record of Bellarmine's history and achievements.

Mr. Van Dorn conducted a Sacred Heart Essay Contest in his classes.

At the Dads' Club Christmas party on Dec. 10, 550 people showed up, the largest crowd ever.

The Sodalists did an outstanding job in collecting groceries and other items for 230 Christmas baskets, which were distributed to 230 poor families at Christmas. Messrs. Connolly, Weber and McConville directed the work.

The football team (won 5, lost 1, tied 2) was listed by the S.F. Examiner as 15th best out of 226 teams in No. California. The basketball team has won 23 straight games in high school competition

since Jan., 1955. It lost one game 46-40 to the Stanford Frosh.

NFL—All-Catholic Tournament at Riordan High School, Dec. 3, 1955.

Sweepstakes: 1st, Bellarmine; 2nd, St. Ignatius.

Of seven entries, we placed six in the finals.

(a) Original Oratory: 1st, Jacques Jimenez; 4th, Marshall Leaver.
(b) Oratorical Interp.: 2nd, Tris Brown; Finals, John Meenan.
(c) Dramatic Reading: 3rd, Dave Stout; 4th, Gary Dunbar.

Santa Clara Valley Regional Tournament at James Lick High School, Dec. 10, 1955.

Sweepstakes: 1st, Bellarmine; 2nd, Fremont.

Of eight events: fifteen finalists.

(a) Debate: 'A', 1st, DuRard and Salomon;
'B', 2nd, Tom Schneck and Travis Rankin.
(b) Oratory: 'A', 1st, Bob DuRard; 3rd, Tris Brown;
'B', Finals, Marshall Leaver, Bob McGushin.
(c) Extempore: 'A', 1st, Darrell Salomon; 3rd, Dave Hayden;
'B', 1st, Phil Dahnken.
(d) Humorous Interpretation: 'A', 3rd, Dave Hayden; 4th, Peter Paine;
'B', 2nd, Bert Webb; Finals, Bob Sola.

EL RETIRO

Fr. G. Leahy has been appointed Minister succeeding Fr. Rooney, who has been reassigned to the Mission Band.

Fr. Toner has been assigned to Manresa Retreat House, Asuza. He takes with him the regrets and the best wishes of the many friends made during his zealous apostolate here.

Fr. John Hennessy of the Upper Canadian Province is collaborating temporarily with the Mission Band and the Retreat House. He has given two retreats at El Retiro and has conducted several missions with great success.

The annual Captains' Dinner was held at Phelan Hall, University of San Francisco, December 13. Some 200 captains and aides were in attendance. El Retiro Citations of Merit were awarded to twelve captains for outstanding service in the promotion of their classes. These citations have been granted in the past but never, previously, at a public function. The awards were presented by Mr. James W. Corbett, President of the Retreat Association, and Director of Operations for the Southern Pacific. The whole ceremony exemplified the excellent spirit prevailing in the Retreat Association. The address of the evening was to have been made by Rev. John Lally, Archdiocesan Director of Retreats and Director of Vallambrosa Retreat House, but he was unfortunately prevented by the death of his father. Fr. Whelan substituted, and gave a most interesting account of his work among the Navajos while stationed at Brigham City.

Christmas Assignments: Fr. Dondero, St. Nicholas, Los Altos; Fr. Giambastiani, Our Lady of the Rosary, Decoto; Fr. Hennessey, St. Dunstan, Millbrae; Fr. Maher, Flintridge, Pasadena; Fr. McGinty, St. Frances Cabrini, Cambrian Park; Fr. McIntosh, St. Simon, Mountain View; Fr. Silva, St. John, Napa; Fr. Toner, St. Brigid, San Francisco; Fr. Leahy, El Retiro.

FRESNO

Triduum points were given to our three Scholastics by the Spiritual Father, Fr. Fabris, who, as Spiritual Father also of the seminarians, is giving a weekly conference, one for the high school as well as one for the collegians.

Ignatian exhortation for December was given by Fr. Feely (Dec. 9).

At Alma College representing Fresno at Fr. Rudolph's Solemn Profession were Frs. Brady and Fabris.

Elocution and declamation crowded the December schedule at Ryan Prep. There were three contests, ably directed by Mr. Latham: an elocution contest for freshman high school, an oratorical tilt for high school sopho-

mores and juniors, and a Shakespearean competition for sophomore college.

Christmas entertainment was had on the eve of the last day of classes. Much of the detail and arrangement of activities, including two excellent plays, was directed by Mr. Torrens, Fr. Harkin trained a college choral group; Mr. Capitolo saw to all the lighting, Mr. Latham brewed the chocolate.

Christmas Supply: Fr. Superior (Wm. Finnegan), parish at Reedley; Fr. Fabris, High Mass at Holy Family Convent; Fr. Brady, celebrant at a Missa Cantata at the Seminary Chapel, a Midnight Mass exclusively for the neighboring Brothers and Sisters. Fr. Brady was also assistant M.C. for the solemn potifical Mass on Christmas morning at the seminary.

Frs. Brady and Crain and all three scholastics attended the regional NCEA meetings in San Francisco. Fr. Brady also attended the province meeting of principals, and Fr. Crain, a meeting of high school Greek teachers.

On Dec. 5-7, Fr. T. Reed made an inspection of the high school classes here. Another visitor was Fr. John Geary, on Thanksgiving day.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Since the beginning of the fall semester, the Guidance Center of the University has visited 27 Catholic high schools from Santa Barbara to San Diego and throughout Arizona. Nearly 2,000 seniors underwent a battery of tests for vocational guidance purposes. The Guidance Center has also been active in making contacts with the senior counselor of 27 public high schools and three junior colleges, with the prime purpose of interpreting our University Program.

The Sodality, under the direction of Mr. Brophy, had a successful Christmas food drive for needy families.

Fr. President (C. Casassa) announced that, effective Dec. 15th, the University would resume administration of the food services of the University.

Fr. L. Malone has improved since his heart attack, but is not yet considered out of danger.

MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

On the afternoon of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception His Excellency Bernard J. Topel, Bishop of Spokane, gave an exhortation to the community on the Blessed Mother. He remained as our guest for dinner.

In the beginning of the month Fr. Morton gave the scholastics a talk on the liturgical movement, explaining the new changes according to the general plan of reform.

Fr. Robinson gave the points for the renovation triduum.

Fr. John Leary continued his series on the social condition of Europe.

Mr. R. Mathewson read a paper for the Aquinas Circle on extrasensory perception.

SANTA CLARA

Spirituals—The Triduum, prior to Renovation of Vows, (4 Scholastics and 5 Fathers) Dec. 8th, was conducted by Fr. E. McDermott.

The Monthly Casus, Dec. 12th, was handled by Fr. W. Crowley; subject—"Pastoral Guidance and Mental Illness."

The November Ignatian Year Exhortation was delivered by Fr. Edward Whelan, Dec. 19th; subject—"St. Ignatius and his work for the Holy Eucharist and Frequent Communion."

Christmas Socials — The President's Christmas Party for faculty and wives was held Dec. 11. Refreshments were served in the Lounge Room and a buffet dinner in the Seifert Gymnasium.

A Christmas Party for the children of the faculty was held in the Adobe Lodge Dec. 10th.

Santa Clara played host to the Jesuits of the Bay Area at the Annual Christmas Party Dec. 27th. Dinner was served in the Students' Dining Hall.

Forensics—Fr. D. Fisher accompanied eight students to Occidental College, Los Angeles, Dec. 9-10th, to compete in the

Southern California Forensic Tournament.

ROTC Field Trips — The advanced students of the ROTC, accompanied by Officers and Frs. R. Kelly and J. Bain, as faculty representatives, participated in a field trip Dec. 7th. The senior students went to Fort Barry, and the juniors to Fort Ord.

Scholarship Commission — Fr. Hauck, as a member of the State Scholarship Commission, attended a meeting of the Finance Committee in Sacramento, Dec. 7th. Reports were made at this meeting on the tests for academic and financial qualifications of applicants together with literature and posters of an advertising nature.

College English Meeting — 83 persons attended the sessions of the College English Association of the Bay Area held on the campus Dec. 7th. The sessions were held in the Conference Room of Delia Walsh Hall. Papers were presented by representatives from College of Pacific, San Francisco State, Stanford, and Mills College staff members.

Health Report—Fr. B. Hubbard, who suffered a stroke, Dec. 10th, in Newark, N.Y. while vesting for Mass, will be hospitalized for approximately a month. Our Fathers at McQuaid High School, Rochester, are reporting on Father's progress.

Fr. John Cosgrave, (Holy Family Parish, San Jose) while recuperating from a cold in our Infirmary had a heart attack, was anointed and later taken to O'Connor Hospital. Last report was that he was out of danger and resting.

Fr. Watson, suffered a cerebral hemmorhage, Dec. 19th, and is confined to the Infirmary.

Fr. H. Walsh is at present going through a general check-up at the Veteran's Hospital, Palo Alto.

Fr. McAuliffe, released from the hospital after surgery for "hyperthyroid" has returned to the University, but is to avoid strain and work until the New Year.

Deaths of Relatives of Ours

The father of Fr. Manterola.

The father of Messrs. Edward and John Callanan.

The father of Mr. James Burns (Ore., 1st yr. theol.).